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REMARKS

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1. It was learned from an electrician working in the barracks installation on the north side of Solauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), that about 2,000 troops were allegedly quartered there on 13 November 1950. A roll call of all troops in the billeting area was held every week. On 21 November, 600 troops assembling in the barracks yard for a roll call. After the roll call about 100 soldiers marched to the barracks installation on the south side of Solauerstrasse. About 26 trucks were seen in and behind the garage which parallels Solauerstrasse. Three groups of soldiers were engaged in field training in the area behind the barracks installation. They were supervised by an officer.

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2. the troops in the barracks installation on the south side of Solauerstrasse at about 1,600. No training activity was observed on 21 November. Twenty sidcar motorcycles were parked in the barracks yard, while a sidcar motorcycles left toward the town led by an officer.

3. The three-story komendatura building was located on Thornerstrasse, corner of Solauerstrasse. The komendatura was staffed by 20 to 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, who were commanded by a major. Five apartment houses on Thornerstrasse, next to the komendatura were occupied by dependents of Soviet officers from the Pioneer Kaserne.

4. On 25 November, the Pioneer Kaserne on the south side of Solauerstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. About 75 percent of the windows of the four barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. The mess and PX building was fully lighted, while the drill hall was dark.

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5. The Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse quartered about 800 troops. Only a few officers and E-1 wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were seen entering or leaving the installation. About 75 percent of the windows of the five barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. Delousing vans were still parked in front of the PX building. The wooden garages on the northern edge of the building area had been torn down. Excavations at the site where the garages had been, indicated that new permanent garages were to be constructed there. *

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- * Comment. the number of troops in the two barracks installations on Selauerstrasse differ. The figures reported agree approximately with those reported during the winter of 1949/1950. the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse quartered the 174th Gds Itz Rifle Regt, and the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt and the unidentified motorcycle battalion, all of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

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